



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 5723

January Session, 2003

AN ACT CONCERNING AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Commissioner of
2 Education, in consultation with the Commissioner of Social Services
3 and the Executive Director of the Commission on Children, shall
4 establish an after school committee.

5 (b) The after school committee shall be appointed jointly by said
6 commissioners and executive director and shall include, but not be
7 limited to, persons having expertise in after school programs, after
8 school program providers, local elected officials, members of
9 community agencies, members of the business community and
10 professional educators.

11 (c) The after school committee shall report on and make
12 recommendations, including, but not be limited to, the following: (1)
13 Identification of existing state, federal and private resources to support
14 and sustain after school programs; (2) methods and practices to
15 enhance coordination and goal setting among state agencies to achieve
16 efficiencies and to encourage training and local technical assistance
17 with respect to after school programs; (3) identification of best
18 practices; (4) methods of encouraging community based providers
19 reflective of diverse neighborhoods and populations; (5) professional
20 development and joint training to maximize efficiency and expertise;

21 (6) establishment of specific long and short term goals and a timetable
22 to implement the plan; (7) measures to address barriers to after school
23 programs; and (8) a private and public governance structure that
24 ensures sustainability for after school programs.

25 (d) The Commissioner of Education may seek and accept funding
26 from private organizations to implement the provisions of this section.

27 (e) The after school committee shall report, in accordance with
28 section 11-4a of the general statutes, its findings pursuant to this
29 section to the General Assembly by January 1, 2004.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
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